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TO : C/E/H/CIA - [Clark Simmons] ⁰³

FROM : Jean Pierson

SUBJECT: Defection Operation

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In my conversation with COB, she revealed that she had been talking with Donald SALDINI, a young exile, who mentioned that about the 17th, he had met on the subway a "friend" who works with Ramiro VALDES. The "friend" is ostensibly a nephew of Carlos OLIVARES, and lives in New York. He has made 6 trips to Cuba within the past few months, allegedly for the G-2. The "friend" told SALDINI that Pardo LLADOG was in trouble (this was before the defection). He also said that Pedro MIRET (Minister of Agriculture) was "going to fall into disgrace".

MIRET was one of the suggested defection targets - this info may be of interest to O'DONNELL.

COB has been directed to attempt to determine the "friend's" name as soon as possible.

To Jean P : Please return to me when information known.

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Yours